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FM AMEMBASSY MASERU

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INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

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AMCONSUL DURBAN

AMEMBASSY GABORONE

AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

AMEMBASSY LAGOS

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMCONSUL LOURENCO MARQUES

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SUBJ: CARLETONVILLE SHOOTINGS

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B. PRETORIA 3265

C. PRETORIA 3262

1. GOL ISSUED FOLLOWING STATEMENT SEP 13:

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QUOTE: THE GOVERNMENT OF LESOTHO HAS NOTED NEWS REPORTS IN THE

MASS MEDIA OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA CONCERNING AN INCIDENT AT WEST DEEP LEVELS, CARLTONVILLE MINE, IN WHICH SEVERAL PEOPLE ARE REPORTED TO HAVE BEEN SHOT DEAD. THE LESOTHO GOVERNMENT IS CONCERNED ABOUT THIS NEWS BECAUSE THERE ARE BASOTHO WHO HAVE BEEN RECRUITED TO WORK AT THE MINE IN QUESTION, YET THE LESOTHO GOVERNMENT HAS NOT RECEIVED AN OFFICIAL REPORT OF ANY KIND ON THE INCIDENT UP TO NOW, EITHER FROM THE AUTHORITIES OF THE MINE OR FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA.

THE GOVERNMENT OF LESOTHO HAS, IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES, ADDRESSED AN INQUIRY TO SOUTH AFRICA INTO THIS INCIDENT. A FURTHER STATEMENT WILL BE ISSUED, BASED ON THE OUTCOME OF THE INQUIRY.  
UNQUOTE.

2. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FROM FOREIGN MINISTRY THAT TELEX SENT TO DFA PRETORIA REQUESTING FULL REPORT OF CIRCUMSTANCES INCLUDING DETAILS ON BASOTHO SHOT, IF ANY. NO RPT NO RESPONSE AS OF AFTERNOON SEP 13. IN ADDITION, LESOTHO RAND AGENCY REPRESENTATIVE IN JOHANNESBURG INSTRUCTED SEP 12 TO INVESTIGATE, BUT HE THUS FAR UNABLE OBTAIN APPOINTMENT WITH MINE OFFICIALS. HIS ROUGH ESTIMATE, HOWEVER, IS THAT 26 WORKERS SHOT, OF WHOM FOUR BASOTHO AND FOUR BATSWANA. NO RPT NO INDICATION AS YET WHETHER ANY BASOTHO AMONG THOSE KILLED.

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